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Homecoming rule change to allow PKA candidate

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NEWS EDITOR

The Student Programming Organization changed its rules for homecoming royalty last week in a move that enables Student Government President/Regent Steve Massara to run for homecoming king.

The revised rules require that homecoming candidates be enrolled in at least six credit hours and have a GPA of at least 2.0 to be eligible. Massara is currently enrolled in only two courses, health aspects of aging and his honors senior thesis, for a total of six credit hours, he said.

"Traditionally, the credit requirement to run for homecoming king and queen has been nine credit hours," said Erin Cron, student organizations and leadership programs. "It's just been that way; there's no record that we can find as to why nine credit hours was the chosen number."

Massara said when he returned from a student government-funded trip to the American Student Government Association's national conference in Washington, D.C., he received a request from his fraternity asking him to run for homecoming king. He picked up an application packet from the SPO office on Sept. 18.



Steve Massara

"I looked at it the next day and it said 'must be enrolled for nine hours,' and I said 'all right, well obviously I can't run, because I only enrolled in six,'" he said. "So I went to Erin Cron and was like, 'I'm just curious what the rationale behind this is.' I've never seen nine credit hours in any university documents. It says six required to be president/regent of the university or to run for a Student Senate position, or it's 12 because you're a full-time student."

Cron stressed that "it did not seem like Steve was trying to get an exception," but that the question was "just for clarification." When she failed to find an adequate reason why the rules said nine hours, Cron said she took the question to the SPO Board because "ultimately it was their decision as to what rules are."

"It was presented to the students who were sitting in the office at the time. It was a good majority of the board. I don't recall it being a formal, sit-down meeting with an agenda," she said.

"So I presented it to the students. I explained the credit-hour situation, the full-time status, the six hours affiliated with student government ... and they didn't see any reason why running for homecoming king and queen should be any more strict than any other student government elected position."

Cron said she did not recall specifically who was in the office besides Festivities Chair Hope

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Fireworks fallout



Happy Hollow resident Bonny Price holds a sign in protest of the Saturday night fireworks display conducted by UNO athletics.

photo by Michelle Bishop

UNO's neighbors upset over fireworks display

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NEWS EDITOR

A local resident protested a recent UNO football fireworks display by holding a sign for the rush-hour commuters on Dodge Street to see on Monday afternoon.

Bonny Price, a long-time resident of the Happy Hollow neighborhood, held a sign saying "U.N.O. Happy Hollow is not Lebanon: No fireworks" in front of the Milo Bail Student Center and Eppley Administration Building.

"I don't understand why they're doing it, and I don't want them to do it," she said. "They're too close to the neighborhood. They're not good neighbors."

The Happy Hollow neighborhood borders UNO to the east. It is the neighborhood nearest to Al Caniglia Field, where fireworks lit the sky on Saturday night following Maverick football's 59-28 victory over Augustana.

Price said she thought a bomb had hit her house or that lightning had struck nearby when she first heard the fireworks going off.

"For a fleeting moment, I thought maybe we were being attacked. I really, honestly did. I am not being exasperated," she said. "It sounded like an impact grenade."

The fireworks were a particular inconvenience to Price because of her nine-year-old dog, who "just

started to be deathly afraid of thunder, lighting and fireworks" this last year. Her dog gets so bad, she said, that she drugs her during the Fourth of July firework season.

"It may have been ten minutes for UNO, but it was ten hours for me, because that was about how long she just panicked, shivered, frothed at the mouth," Price said. "I hope to God that they don't do it again."

The fireworks display was put on as a publicity stunt by the UNO Athletics Department to encourage attendance at the football game. Fireworks are a common marketing strategy for sporting events, such as the Omaha Royals' "Fireworks Fridays" events.

UNO advertised the event on its Web site, gomavs.unomaha.edu, as "Football and Fireworks Saturday."

"Athletics did it," said David Herbster, director of UNO Athletics. "The idea behind it is to increase attendance ... everyone likes fireworks."

Herbster went on to say the department received "so many positive comments" but only a few complaints about the noise. Most of the complaints focused on the use of percussion fireworks, which are louder than fireworks commonly available in the summer.

"The biggest concern is it was so loud," he said. "[The problem was] we got late notice of the final

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News You Can Use

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Student government president/regent debates to be held today

The *Gateway* will be hosting a debate today between candidates Logan Smith and Alexander Williams as well as their running mates. The debate will be held in the Fireside Lounge of the Milo Bail Student Center at 11 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Please call 554-2470 for any additional information.

Charla movie screening on Oct. 6

There will be a screening of *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* on Friday, Oct. 6. This event is the first part of the Charla Series. The event will be held in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium at 6 p.m.

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada stars Tommy Lee Jones and follows the journey of Pete Perkins to bury his deceased best friend in Mexico.

After the screening, Steven Torres, assistant professor of foreign language and literature at UNO, will host a discussion.

Library celebrates new addition

With the completion of the library addition, there are several activities to celebrate. More than 600,000 people visit the library each year and these events celebrate the addition to the building.

Following the completion of construction, UNO will host activities to celebrate the new addition to the

University Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Dedication Ceremony, library main floor, 11 a.m.

Yellow Barn press exhibit opening, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

"Tours and Technology Day"

UNO Library Friends and UNO Child Care Center reception, 2 p.m.

Workshops available through writing center

The following workshops will be held through the UNO Writing Center in October. The workshops are free and everyone is invited to participate. Workshops will be held in room 150 of Arts and Sciences.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Rein In Runaway Sentences: Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences and Fragments
1 to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Getting from Point A to Point B: Creating Good Transitions
1 to 2 p.m.

Library offers "Dessert and Java with Kava"

Acclaimed and bestselling Omaha author Alex Kava will be featured in a UNO library event. "Dessert and Java with Kava" starts with coffee and dessert. Following dessert, Kava will discuss her experiences of writing *One False Move*.

This event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 in the W. H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center at 7 p.m. A participation fee of \$15 applies and will benefit the

library. Books will also be available to purchase.

To register for this event, contact Diane Rockhold at 554-3205 or download a registration form at library.unomaha.edu.

UNO hosts "funds of knowledge" discussion

A discussion on the topic of connecting funds of knowledge and classroom learning through culture, psychology and education will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3. The discussion will be led by Luis Moll, an associate dean for academic affairs and professor of language at the University of Arizona's College of Education.

Moll's discussion will include video segments, audience perspective and a presentation. The presentation will include information on his research regarding the connection of culture, psychology and education.

This event will be held in the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center Bootstrapper Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Groups of five or more are asked to send notice to tstran@mail.unomaha.edu. This event is free.

Discover the treasure of your health

Student Health Services will host a health fair on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fair will include free screenings, as well as more than 30 vendors and prizes.

Comprehensive blood screens cost \$22 and require a 12-hour fast. Men's prostate cancer screen costs an additional \$12. Pre-register for this event in Student Health Services, located in the student center.

Crime Log

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Saturday, Sept. 16

12:14 a.m. Six students arrested at University Village for minor in possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct and procuring alcohol for a minor.

1:15 a.m. Four students arrested at Scott Village by Omaha Police for minor in possession of alcohol and procuring alcohol for a minor.

3:32 a.m. Scott Village staff reported suspicious disorderly conduct by two caucasian males near Lot 10. Campus Security responded and pursued individuals on foot to Lot 9, where they jumped the fence and ran into the Old Ak-sar-ben property.

5:18 a.m. Campus Security identified a vandalized vehicle in Lot 9. Student owner notified. Incident occurred between 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15 and 5:18 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

8:30 a.m. Student reported vandalism to their vehicle parked in Lot 11. Incident occurred between 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15 and 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

1:04 p.m. Student reported vandalism to their vehicle parked in Lot 11. Incident occurred at unknown time between Friday, Sept. 15 and 1:04 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

4:37 p.m. Student reported vandalism to their vehicle parked in Lot 11. Incident occurred between 9:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15 and 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

Monday, Sept. 18

9:40 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from Durham Science Center. Incident occurred at 8:55 a.m. Suspect identified.

2:45 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from grounds of Durham Science Center. Campus Security determined the theft occurred at 10:46 a.m. Unidentified white male suspect observed leaving with property.

7:15 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Elmwood Park. Incident occurred between 8:15 a.m. and 6:50 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

12:39 a.m. Campus Security responded to University Village regarding complaint of disorderly conduct.

12:40 a.m. Student reported vandalism to personal

vehicle and attempted break-in of vehicle. Incident occurred at 1:20 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

4:10 p.m. Visitor reported theft of personal property stolen from their vehicle parked in Elmwood

Park. Incident occurred between 4 p.m. and 7:10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Thursday, Sept. 21

2:30 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from grounds outside of HPER. Incident occurred between noon, Saturday, Sept. 16 and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20.

8:55 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot "O." Incident occurred between 6:45 p.m. and 8:55 p.m.

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Opportunities plenty at job fair

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UNO students and graduates had plenty of opportunity to make contacts and practice interviewing skills with metro-area employers Wednesday in the Milo Bail Student Center.

The 2006 UNO Fall Job Fair took place in the student center ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The room was bustling with students and employers looking for interns, entry-level employees and more.

"We are hoping to find some qualified applicants," said Margie Shaffer, a ConAgra recruiter. "UNO is one of our top fairs to attend."

Other employers at the job fair included Union Pacific, First National Bank, Gallup, WOWT Channel 6, the Buckle, the Marines, the Navy and Oriental Trading Company. A total

of 64 companies and organizations attended the fair.

Students and recent graduates had the opportunity to walk through the maze of booths and talk to the various recruiters. One of the most popular stops at the job fair was the Union Pacific booth, which came prepared with more than 10 recruiters.

While most of the booths were companies looking for employees, some of the booths were organizations looking to recruit members, such as the Marines and the Navy.

"These [job fairs] are good, to just get the information out there, and give out our pamphlets and flyers," said Capt. T.J. Butler of the U.S. Marine Corps. "We get about a handful of UNO students every year."

With so many employers to talk to, students did not have trouble gaining contacts, but senior Ryan Nelson was expecting more variety.

"I was hoping to see some commercial real estate people here, like Grubb and Ellis, or someone like that," said Nelson, a marketing and real estate major. "There's no real estate here, but there is a lot of sales and marketing. The big players are here."

Students who missed this week's job fair can start registering on Jan. 8 for the spring fair, which will be held on March 27 and 28 in the student center ballroom.



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James Peters, an MIS graduate, talks to Anila Brown, a human resource manager at Interstates during the job fair.

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Vavra. Diversity Chair Toniette Brown confirmed that herself, Vavra, Eric Hanson, Andy Dakin and Megan Nanifito were present at the impromptu meeting. James Hulstein, comedy shoppe chair and student government vice president, confirmed these attendees.

The five board members present came "to a consensus" before deciding to change the rule, Brown said, calling the decision an instance of "majority rule."

"It would have been a unanimous vote anyway," she said.

SOLP Advisor Barb Treadway praised the decision, saying it was "a pretty good call on SPO's part" to make their rules consistent with student government.

"I would say it's a quite consistent change to go along with," she said. "We do only require student government officers and senators or any students affiliated with student government have a 2.0 and to be enrolled in at least six credit hours. And so to require more for other things may not be as consistent."

Nevertheless, some students are upset with the SPO's decision to change the rule after the organization distributed homecoming packets to potential candidates.

A student identifying himself as "a concerned Greek" provided the *Gateway* with a letter to SPO that expressed his "disgust and dismay" with the change, calling it "unfair to everybody" involved in homecoming.

"What if the Lambda Chi Alpha candidate turned out to have a 1.83

GPA, rather than the 2.0 minimum ... would you allow an exception for him," he wrote. "[Y]ou should not be allowing an "exception" for Steve Massara just because he is the Student Regent. It shows favoritism, and bias. I, and the Greek Community, (minus the Pikes) demand that no exception be made and Steve Massara not be granted to run as the Pi Kappa Alpha candidate. If you allow this to move forward, it will not only discredit your organization, but also your authority."

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Brenton Thompson said he felt "a rule's a rule" and SPO should not have made the change so close to the election.

"I would have personally liked for them to wait to implement the rule," he said.

According to an e-mail provided by Massara, SOLP Organizational Advisor Sharif Liwaru sent an email on behalf of Vavra informing the heads of all recognized student organizations of the change on Sept. 19. The e-mail justifies the change by saying "per their (student government) rules," candidates must only be enrolled in six hours.

When asked about the decision, Vavra only confirmed that the change was officially made. She did not respond to a request for additional comments.

Homecoming week festivities begin on Oct. 9 and culminate with the Oct. 14 crowning ceremony at the Maverick football game against North Dakota. Voting for homecoming royalty will be conducted on Oct. 12 and 13 at the south doors of the Milo Bail Student Center.

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American university checks on students in Thailand following coup

By KAVITA KUMAR
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
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Some staff members at Webster University spent a couple of sleepless nights last week trying to make sure all the school's students were safe at its Thailand campuses after the military coup there.

Webster canceled classes at its Thai campuses on Sept. 20, but expected them to resume the next day. Webster has about 160 students studying at its campuses in Cha-am and Hua Hin about a 2-hour drive from Bangkok. School officials still don't know when the school will reopen its graduate center in Bangkok—the city where the military forces seized power.

Webster President Richard Meyers said last week that he was just relieved to hear that the coup appeared to be pretty quiet and free of violence.

"I guess the good news is that there is no sign of military action or activity anywhere near our campus," he said.

Although most of the students at the Thai campuses are from the Southeast Asian region, about 25 study-abroad students from St. Louis are there right now, Meyers said.

Webster has been relaying messages between students and parents if they can't get through directly because the phone lines have been jammed.

About 15 U.S. students from other colleges are also studying at Webster's Thai campuses.

Staff and faculty are accounted for, as are most of the students, Meyers said.

Meyers said he hasn't been able to get in touch with the graduate center in Bangkok, but most of them are part-time evening students. Meyers expects they

are safe in their homes.

Webster staff members are also beginning to monitor the situation in Budapest, Hungary, where police and rioters have clashed on the streets for two nights after an anti-government protest.

Webster has a small business program there for Hungarian students.

"It seems that's really part of the operation at Webster, to be up on world news all of the time," Meyers said.

Gig Gwin, owner of Gwin's Travel Corp. in Kirkwood, arranged for the trip to Thailand by the Webster students and also has several business and leisure travelers currently in the country. The company e-mailed its clients, asking whether they needed any help or information after the coup, and provided an '800' phone number to call.

"We got no calls back, which leads us to believe it is a velvet revolution, versus a violent revolution," Gwin said. "We have called our travelers who may be heading there and told them we're taking a cautious restraint right now."

Gwin has visited Thailand several times and called it "one of the five greatest countries in the world for tourism."

"It's been a relative solid democracy, it's a first-world country," he said. "Thailand was never taken over by European powers. When you go to Thailand, the food, the architecture, the people are pure Thai."

The State Department's Web site, travel.state.gov, currently has no travel warnings issued for U.S. travelers headed to Thailand, but a public announcement about the coup has been posted.

Tom Uhlenbrock of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch contributed to this report.



photo by Michele Moore

A peaceful scene of Thai students while riding elephants was taken before Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted from power on Sept. 19.

Group slams universities on civics

By HERB JACKSON & RUTH PADAWER
THE RECORD (HACKENSACK N.J.)
(MCT)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — America's universities are not preparing students to be good citizens, a conservative institute charged Tuesday after releasing a study showing the average college freshman and senior flunked a 60-question test on American history and government.

"Colleges have been moving away from teaching core areas of knowledge for some time now," said Eugene W. Hickok, a member of the national civic literacy board of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. "We need to be about the business of making patriots."

Hickok acknowledged that no known data exist showing that students in the past would have scored better, but said the institute intends to continue giving the test each year to measure future improvement.

The survey asked 14,000 students at 50 colleges and universities, some of which were picked by the institute and others chosen at random, multiple-choice questions that included naming the battle that ended the Revolutionary War, defining a progressive tax and identifying the document in which this phrase appears: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

The average college freshman got 51.7 percent of the questions right, and the average senior 53.2 percent. The survey was conducted for the institute by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy.

At a Washington press conference, institute officials decried the minuscule improvement between freshmen and seniors, and pointed out that average scores dropped at 16 universities. The report argued that universities need to assess what they are teaching

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approval."

Because of the late approval, neighborhood awareness was minimal, although the presidents of the local neighborhood associations were notified, Herbster said. Dundee-Memorial Park Association President

Jack Kubat was out of town until Saturday.

Despite the handful of complaints, Herbster said he expects to have fireworks again next year, although he hopes to provide better notification to the surrounding community.



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and increase the number of required American history, economics and political science courses.

The institute's Web site says it is "the bedrock conservative organization educating each generation of American youth for liberty." It supports several conservative campus newspapers as well as publishing a guide, "Choosing the Right College: The Whole Truth About America's Top Schools."

The institute Web page promoting the guide includes a quote from The New York Times saying it "is aimed ... at exposing the political biases of academe, the prevalence of permissive sex and the lack of core curriculums to prospective students and their parents."

The press conference included numerous condemnations of "elite" institutions such as Brown and Johns Hopkins universities, which were near the bottom of a ranking called "learning added" or "civic value added" in report documents.

The figure was derived by subtracting a school's average freshman score from its average senior score. Doing this is suspect for two reasons.

First, at many of the schools only 350 students were surveyed, half being freshmen and the other half seniors. Each sample predicts how all freshmen or seniors would score on the test within a range of points, called the margin of error. Comparing freshmen to seniors would increase

the overall margin of error so much the comparison would be statistically invalid.

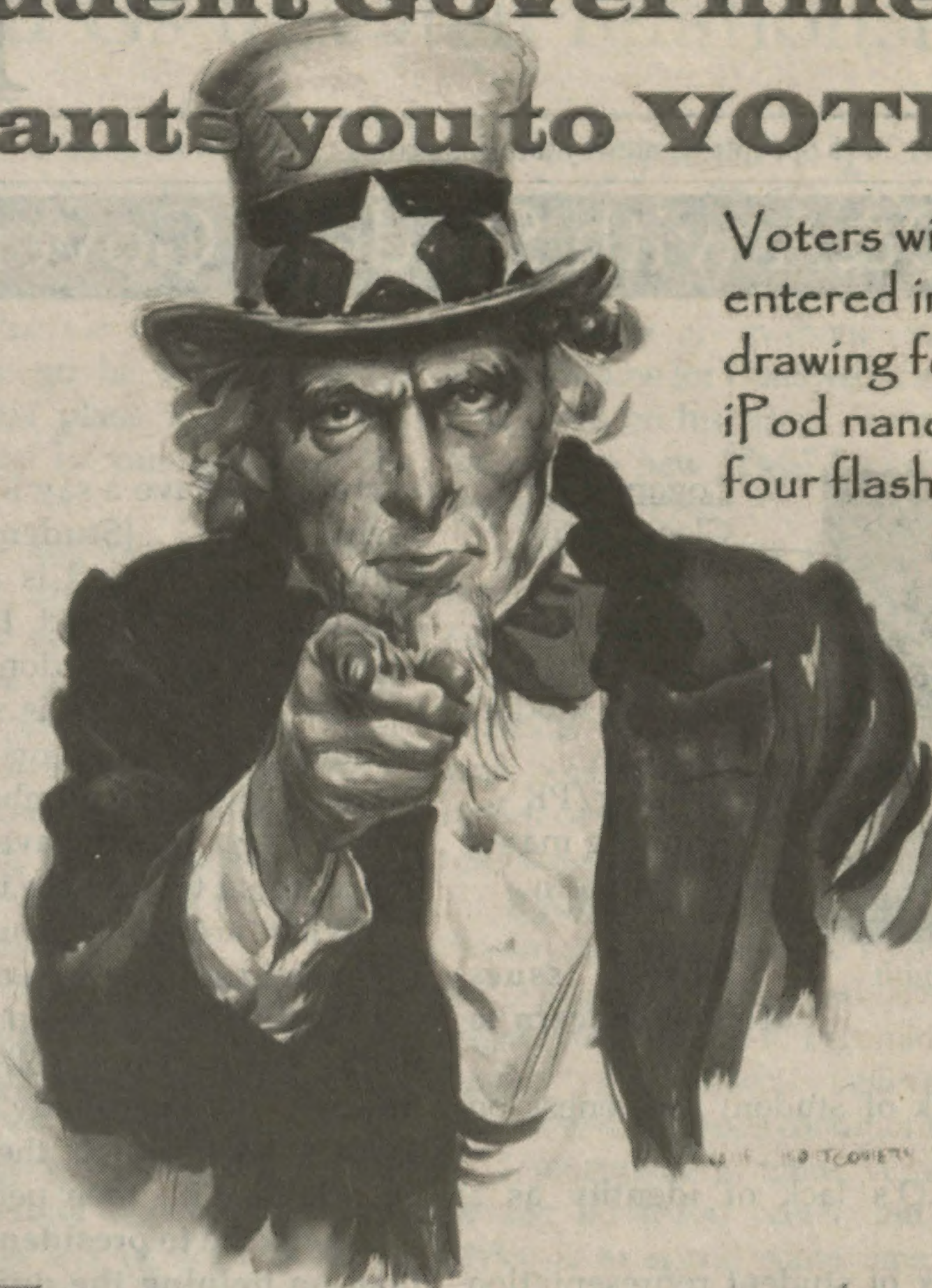
Also, focusing on the change between freshmen and seniors rather than overall scores produces a result where Dartmouth College is ranked 34th because scores increased by just 0.1 percent to an average senior score of 68.0, while North Carolina Central University is ranked 13th because its seniors averaged 33.7, or 4.8 percentage points better than the freshmen.

"This study seems to have a very narrow perspective on civic engagement," said Martha Ecker, vice provost for curriculum and global affairs at Ramapo College. "Our aim as educators is to expand students' understanding of both themselves and the context in which they live, so that they can see beyond themselves and understand the world in a more complicated and empathic way."

Roger Bowen, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, said he had not read the study but was familiar with the institute and its support for conservative colleges.

"Schools like Brown and Johns Hopkins work very hard to help a student learn how to think," he said. "Some of the schools applauded by this group help students learn what to think. If you give me a choice as an educator, I'd prefer the former over the latter."

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Referenda Item No. 1:

Do you approve the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income in support of the Gateway during the 2006-2007 fiscal year? The fee is currently \$2.40 per student. The Gateway is the UNO student newspaper.

Referenda Item No. 2:

Do you approve the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income in support of the campus speakers program during the 2006-2007 fiscal year? The fee is currently \$3.70 per student.

On the UNO campus, the Student Programming Organization (SPO) sponsors Homecoming activities, March Madness, and other events, and brings to campus comedians, bands, and speakers.

Referenda Item No. 3:

Do you approve the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income for salaries for student government officers during the 2006-2007 fiscal year? Officers are not currently paid for their positions.

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Q&A with Student Government President/Regent Candidates

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Logan Smith

Logan Smith
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Three issues of most concern to

candidate:

- 1.) Lack of student awareness on campus.
- 2.) UNO's lack of identity as a university.
- 3.) Lack of student representation in decision making on campus.

Why would you be the best candidate for student body president?

Myself and Chris represent the majority of the student body. The majority isn't in fraternities or sororities. We would speak for the majority, and together we have experience. We've been on college campuses five years a piece; we know what they want, we know what they need.

What are your thoughts on the allocation of student funds?

Yes, absolutely, one of the cornerstones we're working on is budget issues and how our student funds are distributed. We don't really,

as students, have a say in how they're spent. SABC [Student Activities Budget Commission] is appointed by the admin, not elected. It's absolutely wrong that students don't have a say in how their money is spent. As far as fund B goes, students have no say. We need to see the numbers and know where it's going, and have a say, instead of just being told where it's going.

What are your thoughts on the proposed smoking ban on campus?

Personally, I do not smoke. It would not hurt my feelings if it went through. It's everybody's right to do as they wish and if they're doing it outside then it's their personal choice.

If elected to president, how do you plan on helping the university move past the resignation of its chancellor?

I don't see it so much as a negative. I see it as a huge opportunity to make everything, to make us, more responsible; make us accountable for your money. Hopefully, when the new chancellor comes in, they will be more open to student government. It would be a shame to not be able to take advantage of this and fix our mistakes.

UNO Organizations and community involvement:

I do community involvement with my family and friends, and I will never list it on a resume. I do it to help others, not to sell myself. I absolutely refuse to list those ever.



Alexander C. Williams

Alexander C. Williams
Class: Junior
College: Arts & Sciences
Major: Political Science
Running mate: Michael P. White

Three issues of most concern

to candidate:

As a member of the student body I believe that:

1. The members of Student Government must be held accountable for their actions and inactions while in office.
2. Student Government could further capitalize on its current position through an effective "Visibility Campaign."
3. The UNO student body should have a leader with a progressive vision on the Board of Regents representing this campus' bright future.

Why would you be the best candidate for student body president?

I am grateful for the many opportunities to which I have been able to serve you in previous years. During that time I was successful in a year-long renovation of the Student Government Web site, in addition to being recognized as a major contributor to the enhancement in prestige and professionalism brought to the organization.

With your vote I am confident that I can represent your interests at all times. Share your thoughts and concerns with me at any time—on the campaign trail or in office.

What are your thoughts on the allocation of student funds?

It depends because there are so many different funds. I think that right now the way the university has it set up is there really isn't much student

input. We get to see it only after they approve it. Which is good, but I do think it would be a better fit to have at least one student at large to be part of that process.

There's been a lot of talk of making it all student-input based; I don't know if I would approve of something of that magnitude just yet.

What are your thoughts on the proposed smoking ban on campus?

I want to hear what the students want to say. I've noticed it myself; I would appreciate input from students before I would make any decisions on that.

If elected to president, how do you plan on helping the university move past the resignation of its chancellor?

Fortunately the best part of having Nancy Belck as our chancellor is that we have a plan in place. This university has developed a strategic plan that allows it to operate in the absence of its leader. I believe [John] Christensen will do a great job; he's been with the system of a number of years. I think we'll be able to pull out of whatever negative items are on our table right now.

UNO Organizations:

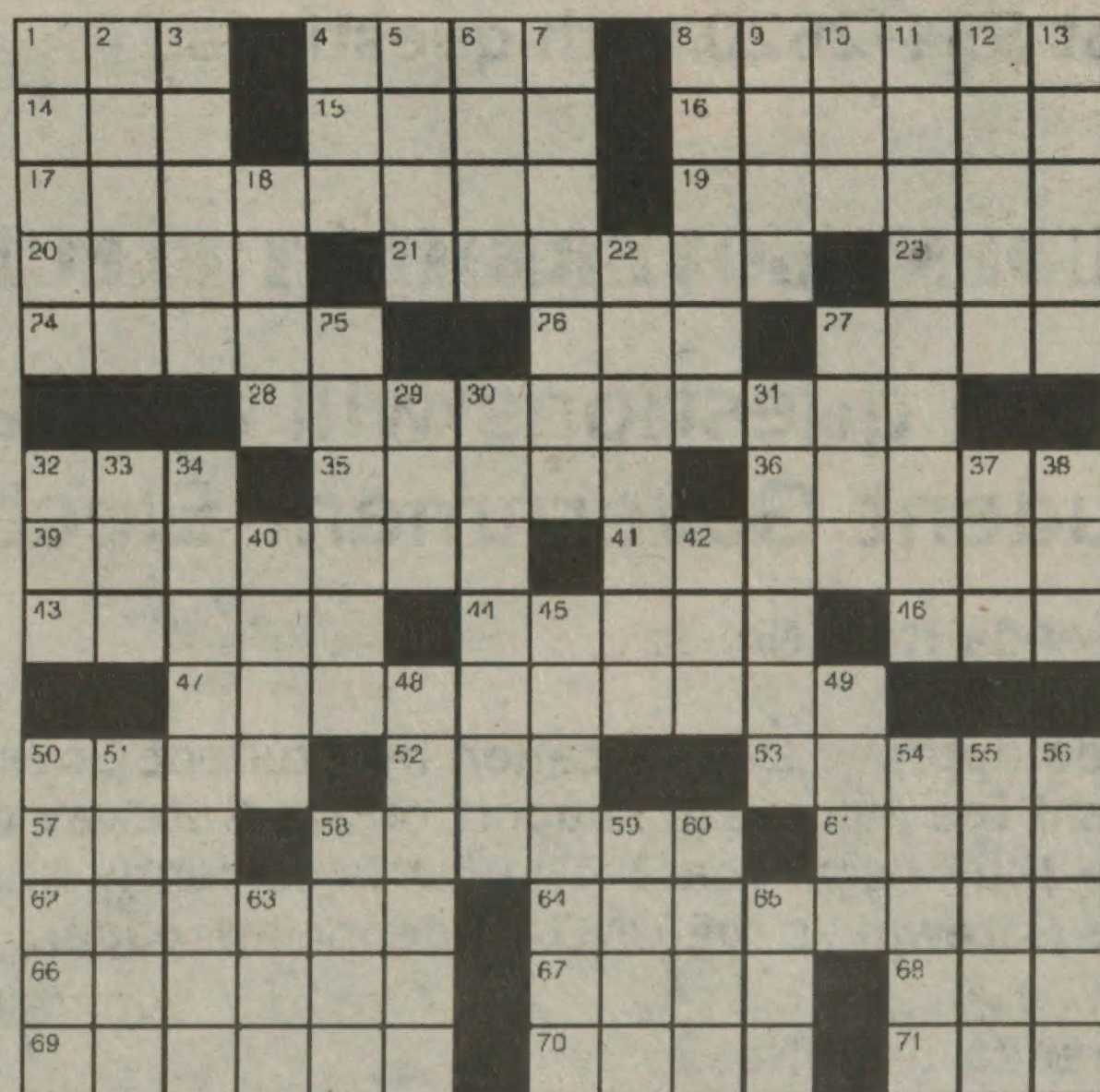
Student Government—Legislative & Public Relations officer (executive), Arts & Sciences Senator, Sophomore Class Senator and Senate Parliamentarian (legislative), Student Activities Budget Committee member, UNO Judicial Affairs Committee member, Vice Chancellor's Leadership Council, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, UNO College Republicans—treasurer, secretary and executive director.

Community involvement:

Through many organizations and personal interests I have become a member and volunteer of a vast number of community programs such as The American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Red Cross (including organizing UNO Blood Drives) and the Nebraska Republican Party.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Peak on Crete
 - 4 Not up yet
 - 8 "Tracey Takes On" star
 - 14 Prohibit
 - 15 Sign away
 - 16 Used-car deal
 - 17 Voting age
 - 19 Out-of-body projection
 - 20 Turf
 - 21 AWOL student
 - 23 Part of RSVP
 - 24 Magi gift
 - 26 "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" co-star Joanne
 - 27 Undersized
 - 28 Country club requirement
 - 32 Tam-o'-shanter, e.g.
 - 35 Stinker
 - 36 Resident immigrant
 - 39 Ammunition
 - 41 Property holding
 - 43 Length of yarn
 - 44 Wash thoroughly
 - 46 Fate
 - 47 Cosmetized mole
 - 50 End of grace
 - 52 What the weasel goes
 - 53 Inflatable floaters
 - 57 Chou En—
 - 58 Fish hawk
 - 61 Dry: pref.
 - 62 Biblical prophet
 - 64 San Francisco newspaper
 - 66 Tuna relative
 - 67 Missile shelter
 - 68 Cool dude
 - 69 Maintain firmly
 - 70 Lamb dish
 - 71 LAX info



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 - 2 Cow collective
 - 3 Enrage
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 - 5 Sugar source
 - 6 German river
 - 7 Strips
 - 8 Seventh planet
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 - 38 Earn as profit
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 - 48 Result
 - 49 Yellow cab
 - 50 Defense focus
 - 51 Bricklayer
 - 54 Enclosing structure
 - 55 Pick up the tab
 - 56 Kinda
 - 58 Horse feed
 - 59 Egress
 - 60 Ivy League member
 - 63 Roman threesome
 - 65 Do the lawn

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How Final Fantasy stole my boyfriend: RPGs threaten relationships



photo by Pamela Bouterse

Women beware. There's a new threat to your relationship and it lies in a video game controller.

COMMENTARY BY
PAMELA BOUTERSE
STAFF WRITER

When the original "Final Fantasy" was first released on the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1987, no one (least of all the company who released it as a last-ditch effort to make some desperately-needed money) could have predicted the effect it would have on the world. Men of all ages would become engulfed in the epic role playing game (RPG), and women of all ages would experience that nagging feeling that something is missing; something has changed.

The eyes of their men clouded over from lack of sleep or blinking. Their thumbs raw, stiff and callused. Their attention for anything else split in half, and then in half again. I am one of those women. My man is one of those men.

Upon its initial release, "Final Fantasy" was a stunning success. It commanded the attention of an ever-growing populace of admirers; even in the U.S., where the reception of the game was certainly less stunning than it was in Japan. A loyal following developed.

As more "Final Fantasy" games were produced, the series became available on more and newer consoles, and each game in the series set the graphical and audio standards for each successive generation of games. The series is almost universally celebrated as being one of the greatest and most influential gaming series ever, according to not only its loyal fans, but also to the numerous and diverse game-reviewing resources today.

To date, the core series consists of 12 games, with a 13th one in the making. Besides the core series, numerous compilations also exist: collections; remakes; direct sequels and prequels; spin-off games and entire spin-off series; and even movies and television programs. None of the core "Final Fantasy" games are actually directly related to one another; the setting, characters and plot changes with each game. There are some

threads that do run throughout the whole series, but they are usually just included to please the fans of previous titles.

The game play of most of the series revolves around turn-based randomly encountered battles. The game requires the player to participate in a large number of random battles for the party (the multiple characters controlled by gamer) to increase their abilities, thus enabling the player to move on to more challenging battles and advance the plot.

The main attractions, so I'm told, are the emotionally involving and dramatic story lines as well as the surprising plot twists and the surprisingly well-fleshed-out cast of characters. Each game in the series is also noted for its own unique and often beautiful art style.

When all of this is taken into account, it isn't too surprising that girlfriends all over the globe find it hard to tear their men away from the TV or computer to go outside, especially when they find themselves demos for the next "Final Fantasy" release.

My boyfriend is just like the rest of them. Every little thing reminds him of "Final Fantasy" and his gaming experiences, and every trip outdoors ends in a walkthrough of Gamers or EB Games. Everywhere we go he mumbles half-formulated battle plans in preparation for the next time he can escape to his Playstation 2.

Because my boyfriend is this way, I find myself involuntarily learning more about the games, as he requires me to remember at least one original or revolutionary aspect of each of the "Final Fantasy" games so that I can repeat it back to him at any time. His reasoning is that if I'm dating him, I ought to show some knowledge of at least one of his favorite nerd-friendly pastimes.

In order to make sure every girl has the chance to recognize if their significant other has a "Final Fantasy" addiction, and prevent themselves from falling prey to its life-consuming evil, the following signs should be watched for in their boyfriends: exhaustion due to lack of sleep; stiffness from sitting still for too long; starvation from not trusting the pause button; constantly wearing t-shirts that refer to actions such as attack, magic, summon,

item, or run; unable to go through one conversation without mentioning this awesome random battle he endured today; trying to convince you that a Moogle would make an awesome tattoo or a good costume for Halloween; and finding EB Games on his speed dial around the time that a new "Final Fantasy" will be released.

Also included is if your boyfriend finds out that you are writing a "Final Fantasy" article and demands to check it to make sure all facts about the game are accurate. And last, but not least, when your boyfriend has an unhealthy fear of turtles or lizards, or anything really that resembles the dreaded Tonberry.

If you find yourself wondering where the day has gone and are suffering from the symptoms described above, you might unknowingly be becoming a "Final Fantasy" nerd (which is, believe it or not, a horribly contagious condition).

Unfortunately, there is no official gaming addiction center, but my best advice is to spend some time on other games such as "The Legend of Zelda," "Oblivion," or even "Pac-man;" anything that will help keep your mind off saving the world one random battle at a time.

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Football

September 20th

Pike A 27 vs Lambda Chi 6
Sig Ep A 18 vs The Shockers 12
Blazers forfeit vs Wrestlers
Pike B 12 vs Sig Ep B2 31
Sig Ep B1 26 vs The X Factor 0
Pike Pledge 11 vs Scottish Meatball 26

September 21st

Sigma Kappa 20 vs Zeta Tau Alpha 0
Alpha Xi Delta 13 vs Chi Omega 0

September 24th

The Balls 22 vs The Bears 6
Snakes forfeit vs 7 Clouds
Spam 27 vs Last Word 7
Hustlers 21 vs Floor Generals 18

Team Ramrod forfeit vs McNasties

The Crew 12 vs Fresh Princess 34
The Wolfpack vs Highlanders forfeit
Shannon 48 vs That Team 0
Donkey Punchers 39 vs Thunder 15
Non Sequitar 8 vs The Pain Train 0
Off Often 12 vs Mike Hunt 26

Women Tennis League

Champion

Congratulations Jacqueline

Soccer

September 19th

Dazed & Confused 6 vs Free Agents 3
The Neon Ninjas 0 vs Free Agents 4
Dazed 9 vs The Neon Ninjas 4

September 20th

Kulob 0 vs Gunners 7
819 & Crew 2 vs Pill Passers 4
L.R.G 5 vs Pike A 1
Sig Ep A 3 vs Sig Ep B 1



Volleyball

September 20th

Zach 2 vs Soft & Dry 0
Ballers 2 vs Gunners 0

September 24th

Team Lugnuts forfeit vs Le Tigre
Red Scorpions forfeit vs Dazed
Fall Ballers forfeit vs The Usuals
Team Bonesaw 2 vs Pink Fuzzy 0
Team Jackass 1 vs Thunder 2

The Killers 0 vs 624 2
Thunder 2 vs Renobs 0
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Basketball

September 25th

Rain Drops 0 vs That Team 2
Legos 2 vs The Slackers 0
Zalensky 0 vs The Big W 2
Rain Makers 0 vs Basketball Players 2

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Gateway editor in chief and 11-year-old daughter review *Open Season*

CAMERON SADA & ANGI SADA
DAUGHTER IN CHIEF EDITOR IN CHIEF

In a rare and unprecedented action, the *Gateway* has decided to allow a kid to review a kid movie. Join us while a young journalist breaks in her newly acquired skills as she discusses the movie with her mom, the editor in chief of the *Gateway*.

What's this movie about?

Cameron: Boog (Martin Lawrence) is a bear living a good life in a town named Timberline. Beth (Debra Messing), a nice forest ranger, rescued Boog as a cub. Beth spoiled Boog and trained him to be a performer. Boog gets fame in the town for Beth's show she does in the town. While in town, Boog meets Elliot (Ashton Kutcher), a deer tied to the hood of a car. Boog lets him free. And from there, it's up to you to find out the rest.

Angi: Well, you could at least have mentioned that Boog gets sent back to the woods and irritates every animal he meets, including an army of squirrels that beat him up with acorns.

What did you think about how the animals and humans interacted?

C: My favorite relationship in the movie is the rabbits and the throwing.

A: I know you don't like hunting and neither do I, but I really liked the bad guy hunter, Shaw (Gary Sinise). But, you're right. It is freaking hilarious when the bunnies are getting thrown around like projectile-type weapons.

Which character was your favorite?

C: My favorite character is McSquizzzy the squirrel voiced by Billy Connolly. He was funny and his accent was funny and he throws nuts at the other characters. It's funny when people get hurt.

A: Really? I hate to admit it, but Elliot the deer was hilarious. But the bunnies are super funny, too.



Sony Pictures

Martin Lawrence, Ashton Kutcher and Patrick Warburton lend their voices to Sony's first animated movie, *Open Season*. The film is about Boog, a domesticated bear stranded in the woods just before hunting season.

What didn't you like?

C: The voice that I thought did not match the character was Ashton Kutcher.

A: Are you kidding me? Elliot the deer is the best thing to happen to Ashton Kutcher's career since Michael Kelso.

What about how it looked?

C: The drawing in the movie was great. It didn't look real, but in a strange way, it did.

A: I thought it looked a lot like old "Looney Tunes" cartoons meets "South Park."

Would you tell your friends to go see this movie?

C: Yeah. Because it's funny and because my friends have the sense of humor that I do. It's a good movie. Except Elliot.

A: I'd tell people to go see it, too.

Grade: A-

An introduction to "Wild, Worthless Web with Webmaster Eric Sobczak"

If you're like me, you waste most of your day looking at Wikipedia and surfing around YouTube. You also probably don't get laid much. If you aren't like me, you're a contributing member of society who bathes regularly.

And that's all good, I'm proud of you. You

probably knew who Hugo Chavez was even before he called President Bush a "sick man" and "full of complexes" and you might even know how to do simple arithmetic without using your hands. But do you even know what is happening on the Internet RIGHT NOW? And should you care?

See, some drop science while I'm droppin' English. Or something like that.

I'm sure you've been forwarded a link to some stupid video or some stupid Web site before, and you might have even taken time out of your Facebook or Myspace binge to go look at it.

If you could slice the Internet it would be better than bread. And, now it makes content creation and distribution easier than it ever has been before.

Anyone with a camera and an Internet connection is free to pollute the World Wide Web (and your inbox) with a video of his or herself kicking his or her best friend in the nads.

But not everything out there is that lame.

Sometimes it's only partially lame, and occasionally not even lame at all.

My job is to filter out the junk to bring you the FUNK, Bo-yah! And besides, you have Facebook walls to write on and Myspace pages that need commenting, you don't have time to look at all of these videos yourself.

I plan on directing you to the funniest videos, the most interesting WebPages and whatever else is happening out there (if I ever get to write for the *Gateway* again).

So, after a failed attempt to negotiate a monetary signing bonus, and without further ado, I bring to you WWW, "The Wild, Worthless Web," with your host, Webmaster Eric Sobczak.

This installment will focus on vlogs, or video weblogs, or video podcasts; all different names for the same thing. Try defining what a vlog is with vloggers (people who vlog) and you will get into a semantics war reminiscent of asking a music major to define Jazz.

So for our purposes, a vlog is video on a webpage where the content (videos) is updated in reverse chronological order. That means the first video you should see on the page is the most recent video.

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Ze (pronounced "say") Frank has been publishing content online for the better part of the decade and started creating daily videos almost a year ago. He has received national recognition from publications like *Newsweek* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and he is damn funny.

Rocketboom

www.rocketboom.com

Rocketboom is considered the most popular daily vlog and has been around since October of 2004. Rocketboom used to be hosted by Amanda Congdon, who had a falling out with the show's producer Andrew

Baron.

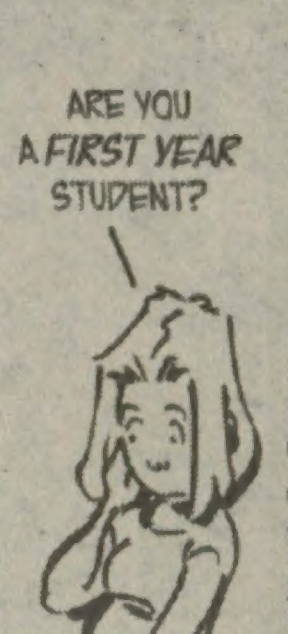
The current host is Joanne Colan, a former MTV Europe VJ who is neither as attractive nor as funny as Congdon. The show features news from around the Internet and blogosphere. Nerd content like this article.

Rednecks.tv

www.rednecks.tv

These two guys are relatively new to the vlogosphere with only nine episodes. They label their show as "hillbilly tech news" and review products rednecks really care about, like which beer tastes the best and which cigarettes are the smoothest.

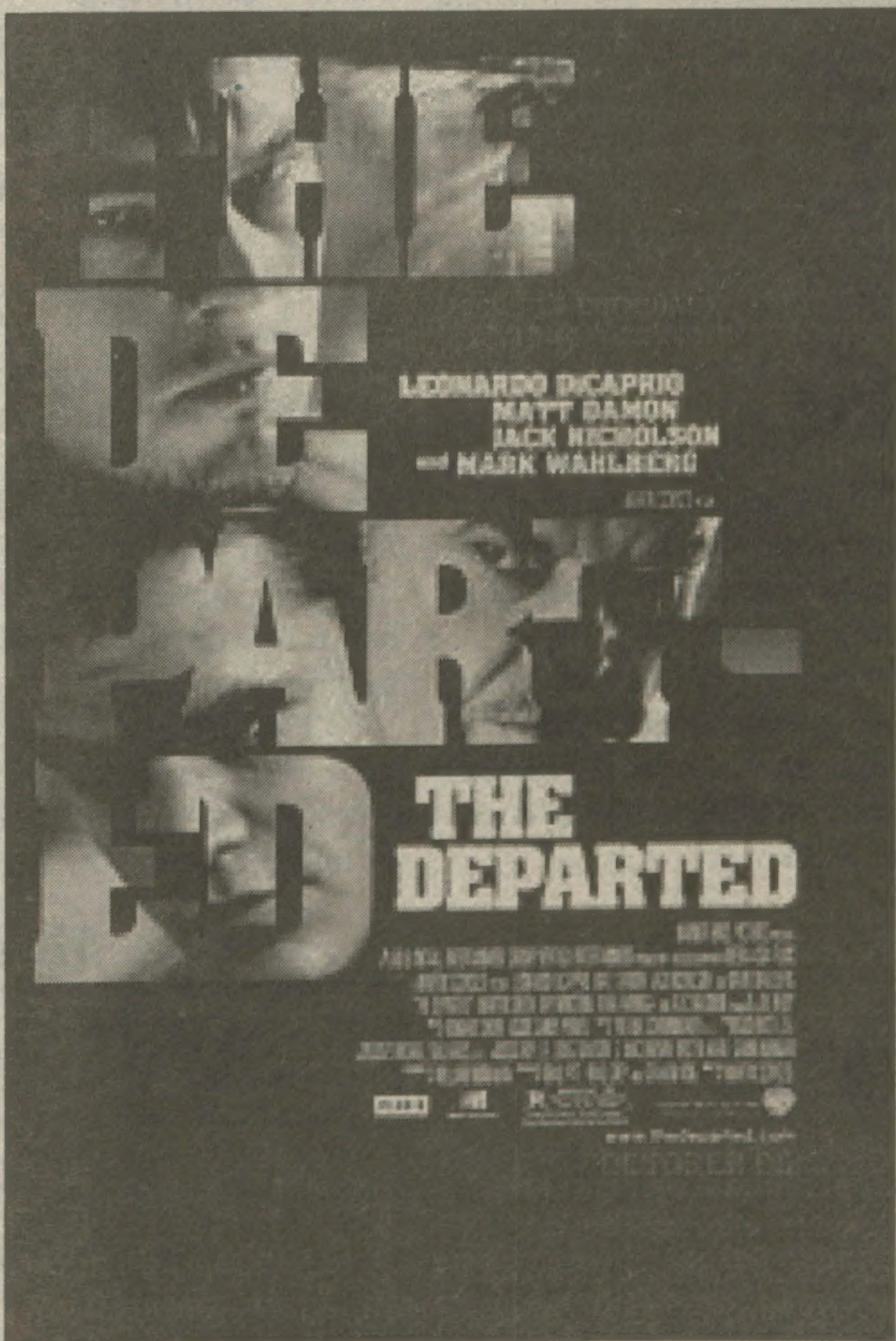
A College Girl Named Joe



by Aaron Warner

Student President
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Stop by *The Gateway* for a pair of passes to see *The Departed* on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at AMC Oakview.



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Panhellenic Council (PHC)
National PanHellenic Council Greeks (NPHC)

Greek Fraternities

Lambda Chi Alpha
Sigma Lambda Beta
Omega Psi Phi
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Phi Beta Sigma
Theta Chi
Pi Kappa Alpha

Greek Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Alpha Xi Delta
Sigma Gamma Rho
Chi Omega
Sigma Kappa
Delta Sigma Theta
Zeta Phi Beta
Lambda Theta Nu Zeta Tau Alpha

Ethnic/Cultural Organizations

African American Organization
Association of Latino American Students
Chinese Students & Scholars Association (CSSA)
Indian Students Association
InterTribal Student Council
National Council of Negro Women
Pan African Student Organization
People to People
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Honor Societies

Alpha Kappa Delta (Intl. Sociology)
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American Humanics Student Association
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Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Kappa Kappa Psi (Honorary Band Society)
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Order of Omega (Greek Honorary)
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Professional Organizations

Ad Club
Alliance of Fitness Professionals
Alpha Eta Rho (Aviation)
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American Society of Training & Development
Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development
Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization
Delta Epsilon Dietetic Chi (DEX)
Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity
Financial Management Association
UNO Forensics
National Broadcasting Society
National Student Speech, Language & Hearing Assoc.
Pre-Medical Professions Club
Pre-Veterinary Club
Public Relations Student Society of America
Rho Epsilon Fraternity (Real Estate)
Society of Physics Students
Society of Professional Journalists
Society of Women Engineers
Student Education Association of Nebraska
Student Marketing Association
Student Social Work Organization
Women in Aviation, UNO Chapter

Special Interest Groups

ABC Alphabet Soup
Acoustical Society of America, UNO Chapter
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College Democrats
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UNO Dance Team
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
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UNO Film Society
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Management Information Systems
Maverick Athletic Training Students (MATS)
Maverick Investment Club

Maverick Paintball
UNO Math Club
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Organization for Advancement of the Arts
Pen & Sword Society
Peaceful Local Action Network
People to People International
R.O.S.A.S.
Single Parents Association
Socialist Alternative
Society of American Military Engineers
Student Anthropological Society
Student Council for Exceptional Children
Student Gaming Association
Student Health Advisory Council
Student Orientation Leader Organization
Student Parent Network
Student Recreation and Leisure Society
Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)
UN-Otake (UNO Anime Club)
UNO Talking Hands
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Baha'i Club
Campus Crusade for Christ
Catholic Campus Ministry
Chapter Summary Bible Study
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Soccer team lands a perfect 10 with shutout victory over Wayne State

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

The women of the UNO soccer team are nothing, if not persistent.

Despite a cold, rainy day in which the majority of their shots seemed to slip right off the goalpost, the Mavericks kept to their aggressive game plan and downed Wayne State 2-0 to improve to 10-0 on the year.

"It was just one of those days where you've got to keep pounding it and eventually something will fall," said junior forward Brandi Beale.

It was Beale who put No. 1-ranked UNO on the board with her fourth goal of the season, a penalty shot 35 minutes into the game. Sophomore midfielder Casey Bigsby got the insurance goal for the Mavs off an Amanda Iwansky header at the 71:16 mark.

After a few games with a scoreless tie at halftime, the team has been working hard on getting early points, Beale said.

"Our focus is to get that goal, if we get that then we don't let up, just because our mentality is, if we get one, okay, that's not enough for us," said Beale.

The Mavs kept the ball in Wayne State territory and had multiple shots on goal, but were repeatedly stymied

by the fickle goalpost and some nice saves by WSC's goalkeeper Jamie Anderson.

Coach Don Klosterman said, with all the near misses, the team has been expecting shots to start hitting the back of the net more often. Still, he's not complaining.

"That's okay, because if we're not getting chances, that's a concern," said Klosterman. "We'll just keep taking these wins, that's not a problem at all."

Defensively, the Mavericks again were relentless and stingy, keeping the pressure on and holding the Wildcats to just one shot on goal. The shutout was the team's eighth of the season.

"Our defending has been just outstanding, as a team," Klosterman said. "Just like we said in the beginning, it's the whole thing, it's not just one guy, it's everybody."

The 10-0 start is the second-best in the history of the program. The 2002 squad won its first 22 games before losing in the national championship match.

"I feel really, really good about it all because we don't have injuries, we have everybody playing hard, we've got great attitudes, we're creating chances, we're doing just



photo by Michelle Bishop

Brandi Beale puts a defender on her backside in UNO's win over Wayne State. Beale scored the Mavericks' first goal on a penalty kick for her fourth goal of the season.

about everything we need to do," said Klosterman.

Still, with the regular season more than half over, the players know this is no time to let up or start patting themselves on the back prematurely.

"We expect everyone to come after us this year, every team's a great team ... any given day, anyone can get you," said Beale.

"We've got to take every game we have and play our hardest."

Busy life keeps all-time leading scorer McGill at top of her game

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR



Beth McGill

With all her responsibilities, it's a wonder Beth McGill ever found time to become UNO soccer's all-time leader in points and goals scored.

Then again, she might have been one of the last people to realize she was close to breaking the records.

"I didn't even know this was going on until my cousin called me. She was like, 'you're almost there,' and I'm like, 'to what?'" said McGill, who captured both titles last week.

Looking at McGill's weekly to-do list, it's easy to see how she can lose track of little details.

Besides leading the defending NCAA II champion Mavericks on the field, McGill also works as a nanny, caregiver and coach while carrying 16 credit hours as a biology major.

"I have to be busy or I just feel like 'what do I do?' So I think that's why I just fill my days," said the two-time all-American.

Such a hectic life means she always has to be on the ball. Even if it means planning for a little down time.

"I'm detailed, so every day I wake up and make myself a little schedule. So anytime I have open, I either play soccer or take a nap, is how it goes."

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Naps come infrequently for McGill, though, as she usually has too much energy to take a break.

"Usually, by the time the day gets started, I'm going and I'm good to go."

She's up by 5:45 every weekday morning for the team's sunrise practice sessions and normally hangs around a bit afterward to fine tune her game. Once she's finished there, she heads off to classes like cell biology and molecular biology, necessary evils for the aspiring dentist.

Originally, she was going to be a dental assistant, but she went to work for a dentist and he eventually persuaded her to put in the extra two years of schoolwork.

"Just being around his office and working there, it was really nice and I enjoyed it," she said.

Still, McGill's true passion is playing soccer and it's something she's been a champion at since long before she came to UNO. Her high school, Marian, had won three straight state titles when McGill entered the program.

They won four more while she was there.

But the commitment was a big change from what she had been used to.

"I remember the first training day, though; I think I was puking because

it was so hard," said McGill. "I had never been at that level yet and [Coach Ed Dudley] just stepped us up with lifting and running, it was a whole new ballgame and I just loved the challenge so I was like, alright this is for me, I like it."

McGill spent her freshman year in college at Marquette, but then decided it was time to come back to Omaha. She enjoyed her time there, but watching her teammates get to see their families after games, the homesickness would kick in.

"Being home now and having all my aunts and uncles and my mom come out, I like the change," said McGill. "Big families, it's nice."

One person who's been particularly glad to have McGill back in Omaha is UNO soccer Coach Don Klosterman.

Beyond her obvious skills on the field, Klosterman values the inner fire that McGill brings to the program.

"I think Beth really kind of brings

a total package to the team in terms of attitude, wanting to win and be competitive. She brings that to practice and she brings that to games, she brings it to everything she does," said Klosterman. "She's one of the most competitive people I've been around."

But McGill, like any good scientist, knows that it's important to assign value accordingly even when you're putting yourself under the microscope.

"First of all, if we win or not is whether I'm happy. So if we have the win, I'm good. And then, after that, I just kind of evaluate my own personal play, like did I get my headers, did I get my passes in, crosses in? If I'm satisfied with that, then I feel like I had a good game, whether I scored or assisted or not," McGill said. "I mean, I can still score a goal and have a bad game."



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Beth McGill now has 46 goals and 24 assists, making her UNO's all-time leader in career goals and points. She has 116 career points.

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